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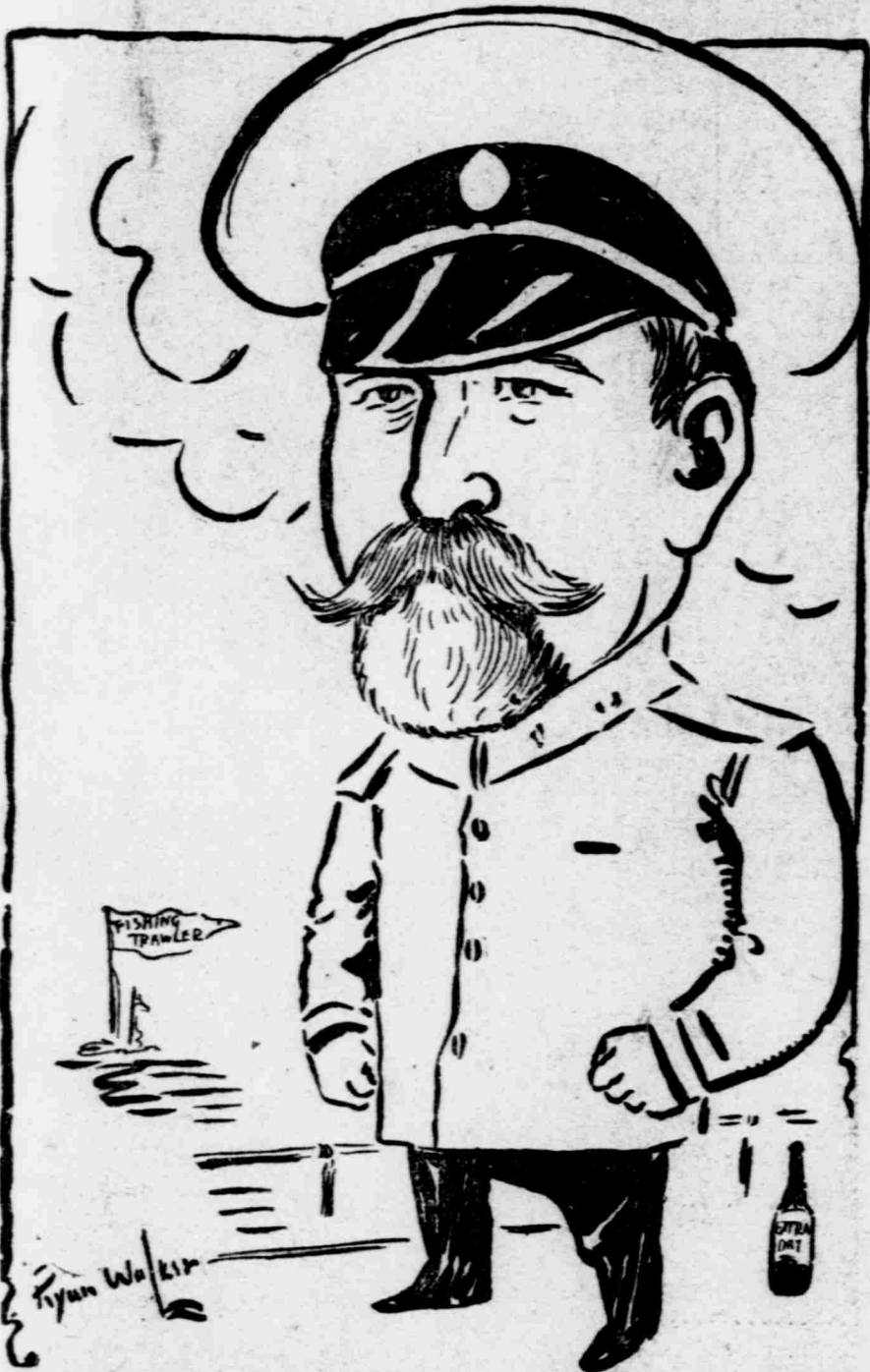
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## AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY RUSSIANS

Commander-in-Chief of  
The Russian Squadron

JAPANESE EAGERLY AWAIT  
NEWS OF DECISIVE NAVAL  
BATTLE IN KOREAN STRAITS

Commander-in-Chief  
of Japanese Fleet



CARICATURE SKETCH OF ADMIRAL ZINOVICH ROJESTVENSKY. Admiral Zinovi Perovich Rojestvensky, of the Baltic Squadron, who is trying to find the Japanese Admiral Togo.

Main Fighting Strength of Russian Squadron Headed for Tsu Islands for the Purpose of Engaging Mikado's Fleet in Battle for Mastery of Far Eastern Seas.

SURPRISE EXPRESSED THAT RUSSIAN ADMIRAL PROCEEDED BY FORMOSA CHANNEL, AND ONLY REASON ASSIGNED IS THAT ROJESTVENSKY IS ANXIOUS TO MEET JAPANESE FLEET. NEWS OF PROSPECTIVE FIGHT RECEIVED WITH ELATION, SO GREAT IS THE CONFIDENCE IN PROWESS OF ADMIRAL TOGO--A JAPANESE VICTORY IS EXPECTED.

Tokio, Sunday, May 28.--News has been received here this morning that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet sunk an American steamer off the Island of Formosa about May 21. The name of the steamer is unknown. The crew was saved.

There is no longer any question that the Russian war fleet under the command of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky has entered the Straits of Korea on the final stage of the long journey from the Baltic Sea, whence it sailed in October last, for the ultimate destination of Vladivostok, the original objective point, Port Arthur having fallen into the hands of the Japanese.

Beyond the fact that the Russians were yesterday in the vicinity of the Tsu Islands, all conjecture, apparently is vain. The only avenues of news transmission are held by the Japanese, and the authorities of that country are exercising rigorous censorship.

The paucity of information which the censor has permitted to pass has formed the basis for belief in high quarters at St. Petersburg that an engagement has been fought and the Japanese have suffered defeat. Everything that were facts otherwise would have been immediately given to the world.

In all events, the course taken by Rojestvensky's fleet through the narrow waters eastward to Korea may be accepted as evidence that he is bent upon forcing Togo to accept battle, the alternative being a bombardment of Japanese ports and sweeping the Japanese merchant marine from those waters.

### RUSSIANS IGNORE PROTEST OF CHINESE.

Washington, May 27.--Information has been received here from Shanghai that the six Russian war vessels reported to-day off Saddle Island have departed. Sixteen other vessels remain at Woo Sung in spite of the protest of the Chinese government.

### ENGAGEMENT EAGERLY AWAITED.

Tokio, May 27.--All Tokio is eagerly awaiting advices of an engagement between Admirals Rojestvensky and Togo. It is believed the fleet of Russian war vessels seen off Saddle Island comprised the main fighting strength of Rojestvensky's fighting forces and that, after coaling there, the Russians bravely headed for the Tsu Islands electing to give battle in event of meeting the war ships under command of the Japanese admiral.

The fact that Rear Admiral Rojestvensky appears to have used the Formosa channel created much surprise, as it was generally expected that he would pursue a course eastward of Formosa. This increases the belief that the Russians are anxious to give battle.

It is rumored that the Russian fleet was divided into two squadrons as it approached the Korean channels to-day. The navy department refrains from confirming or denying any of the score of reports in circulation throughout the capital and has promised to advise the public in good time of any developments.

People have received the news of the prospective fight with elation, so great is the confidence in the prowess of General Togo.

While it is believed that a portion of the Russian fleet will reach Vladivostok, it is believed that Admiral Togo is bound to seriously cripple the main fighting ships of his adversary.

### ENTIRE RUSSIAN FLEET REPORTED

Washington, May 27.--Minister Griscom at Tokio, has reported to the state department the announcement by the British admiralty that the entire fighting force of the Russian Baltic Fleet was seen this morning heading for Tsushima strait.

### JAPANESE EXERCISE STRICT CENSORSHIP OF NEWS.

Tokio, May 27.--Transmittable information concerning to-day's events in the neighborhood of Tsu Islands is limited to the bare fact that Rojestvensky's main fleet, steaming in two columns, the battleships on the starboard and the cruisers and monitors on the port side, has appeared in the straits of Korea. All other information is withheld by the Japanese authorities and cable transmission of any other reference to the movements of the Russian fleet or movements of the Japanese fleet is refused.

### WHERE ENGAGEMENT WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE.

The Straits of Korea are between the southern end of the Korean Peninsula and the Island of Nippon, the largest in the Japanese archipelago, and lead from the Yellow Sea to the Sea of Japan. Vladivostok is located on the west coast of the Sea of Japan, almost in a direct line with Hokkaido, Japan, one of the most strongly fortified ports of the Island Kingdom.

Several days ago the main Japanese fleet was reported in the straits of Korea and the supposition is that Togo has selected the battleground and is ready to meet the Russian Squadron.

The rumor that the Russian fleet has divided, one section proceeding via the Pacific ocean towards Vladivostok is scouted by the Russian authorities at St. Petersburg, the belief prevailing that Rojestvensky has advanced to meet the Japanese with all available fighting vessels.

The fact that "transmittable information" is suppressed at Tokio would seem to indicate that events of importance have taken place or are about to materialize.

### TO DISTRIBUTE A DIVIDEND

PAYMENT NEXT WEEK WILL  
MAKE 95 PER CENT FOR  
FAILED MACON BANK.

By Associated Press.  
Macon, Ga., May 27.--Received W. J. Liner, of the First National Bank, which failed in the R. H. Plant collapse last year, will next week distribute another dividend of ten per cent to creditors of the bank. This will make a total of ninety-five per cent paid.

### Games Played Saturday on Big League Diamonds

By Associated Press.  
New Orleans, May 27.--Southern League games played to-day resulted as follows: New Orleans 2, Montgomery 3; Memphis 3, Birmingham 3, eleven innings, game called on account of darkness; Little Rock 2, Nashville 4; Shreveport 2, Atlanta 1, (twelve innings.)  
South Atlantic.  
Jacksonville, May 27.--Games played to-day in the South Atlantic League resulted as follows: Jacksonville 5, Savannah 1; Augusta 4, Columbia 0;  
Philadelphia, May 27.--National League games to-day resulted as follows: Philadelphia 0, Boston 3; New York 4, Brooklyn 1; Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 3; Chicago 8, St. Louis 4.  
Macon 3, Charleston 2.  
American League.  
St. Louis, May 27.--Scores in American League games played to-day are as follows: St. Louis 1, Washington 2; Cleveland 6, New York 3; Chicago 9, Boston 2; Detroit 3, Philadelphia 2.  
National League.  
Philadelphia, May 27.--National League games to-day resulted as follows: Philadelphia 0, Boston 3; New York 4, Brooklyn 1; Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 3; Chicago 8, St. Louis 4.

### If Your Own Interest Interests You

do not overlook chances to further them. Such chances are "listed" every day in the want columns.

## PROMINENT ALABAMIAN KILLED IN MONTGOMERY

Judge Francis C. Randolph Shot Down in the  
Street by His Second Cousin, of Whom  
He Had Demanded a Loan.

VICTIM TRIED TO  
DRAW REVOLVER  
And Was Immediately  
Shot Twice With  
a Repeating  
Shot Gun.

EITHER WOUND INFLICTED SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE DEATH. JUDGE EXPIRED BEFORE MEDICAL AID COULD REACH HIM. WAS CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY NOMINATION.

By Associated Press.  
Montgomery, May 27.--Judge Francis C. Randolph, one of the best known men in Alabama, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by John Randolph, his second cousin, in front of the latter's office on South Perry street. There are several rumors as to the cause of the tragedy, the one given the most credence being that Judge Randolph had demanded a loan of money from his slayer, with an accompanying threat that unless the loan was forthcoming trouble would ensue.

The two men met this afternoon and it is said Judge Randolph repeated his threats. John Randolph presented a single barreled repeating shot gun and Judge Randolph attempted to draw a revolver, whereupon John Randolph fired two shots in quick succession, one taking effect in the heart and the other in the neck. Either would have proved fatal. A vast crowd, estimated at one thousand people, gathered around the scene of the tragedy, and medical aid was summoned, but Judge Randolph was dead before a physician arrived. John Randolph was arrested and lodged in jail.  
A few weeks ago Judge Randolph was an unsuccessful candidate for the democratic mayoralty nomination. A wife, son and four daughters survive him.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

REPORTS THAT ALL CAMPS ARE  
PROPERLY CONDUCTED EXCEPT VARN BROTHERS.

The legislative committee, which came to Pensacola at the time the members of the legislature visited the city as the guests of the city and Chamber of Commerce, has submitted its report. This is to the effect that every convict camp in the state is properly conducted, with the exception of the one in Escambia County, where Varn Bros. are sub-lessees. The report of the committee to the legislature is as follows:  
"We find all the camps and prisoners in as good condition as circumstances will allow, with the exception of Messrs. Varn Bros., in Escambia county, where we find that in our opinion the prisoners are mistreated, and their health is poor. In nearly all cases, if not all, we find their feet swollen and in some cases so badly swollen that they could not wear their shoes and we recommend that the state inspector look into the matter. We find the eating department in bad condition and recommend that the state inspector investigate."

## AMBASSADOR REID SAILS

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 27.--Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, sailed for England to-day.

## PRESBYTERIANS HAVE ADJOURNED

By Associated Press.  
Winona Lake, Ind., May 27.--The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church to-day completed its one hundred and seventeenth annual session, and adjourned.



CARICATURE SKETCH OF ADMIRAL TOGO.

## SOLONS UNPREJUDICED AGAINST SATURDAY

Much Important Work Before the House and  
Members Sailed Into it in a Thoroughly  
Business Like Manner.

## RIOTS IN CHICAGO

Force Equal to Entire  
Illinois National  
Guard now  
on Duty.

## LEADERS AT LOGGERHEADS

OVER ACTION OF BUILDING  
TRADES IN WITHDRAWING SUP-  
PORT FROM STRIKERS--CRITIC-  
CAL STAGE IN SITUATION NOW  
AT HAND.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, May 27.--A force of seventy-five men, police and deputy sheriffs, said to be equal to the entire National Guard of the state of Illinois, was in command of the teamsters' strike situation to-day and the call for troops is increasingly distant.  
In the lumber district one hundred and ninety non-union drivers are at work and two hundred experienced men, engaged in Duluth and Minneapolis will be added to the strike breakers on Monday.  
Rioting was renewed to-day near the retail shopping district. Misses were thrown and a blockage was formed at South Water and State streets, where three wagons, driven by non-union men, became wedged between heavy trucks. Police dispersed the mob.  
While numerous riots were in progress in the down town streets and lumber district the leaders of the teamsters' strike and officials of the building trades were engaged in quarrels of their own. The

## SUNDAY BASEBALL BILL AGAIN READ

Bill for Relief of Santa  
Rosa County Was  
Passed by the  
House.

SENATOR BLOUNT'S BILL REGARDING DEEDS AND MORTGAGES MADE SPECIAL ORDER FOR MONDAY--LARGE AMOUNT OF ROUTINE BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY BOTH BRANCHES.

Special to The Journal.  
Tallahassee, May 27.--Mr. Stockton's bill regulating the transportation of live stock passed the senate this afternoon, as did the bill requiring railroads to provide stock guards. The bill providing for a special tax in road districts was also passed.  
The Sunday baseball bill, from the house, passed its second reading. The afternoon session of the house was devoted entirely to local business. The Hillsboro county armory relief bill, carrying an appropriation of \$4,704.81, was advanced to third reading.  
Mr. Pender's bill for the relief of Santa Rosa county, passed the house this afternoon. It carries an appropriation for armory rent of \$820.19.  
There was certainly none of the cornfield darkey prejudice against Saturday work about the house this morning. There was much important work cut out for the body and the members sailed into it in a commendably business-like manner.  
Mr. Baker, of Clay, offered a resolution relative to the calling up of bills for consideration by roll call of counties. The measure tended to the expedition of business, but was carried over to the afternoon session.  
Mr. Sistrunk offered a resolution providing for procuring framed portraits of the present speaker and for-

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